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Talented canines to take over Haliburton's Head Lake Park

By Darren Lum

Head Lake is going to be ruled by the dogs when Haliburton hosts its first Cottage Country Dog Festival this summer.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., the public is invited to Head Lake Park for a celebration of man's best friend with the focus on country and work dogs said its organizer Tanya McCready DeBruin of the Winterdance Dogsled Tours.

"It's certainly our life so it seemed like a neat thing to bring into the county and hopefully bring some more people here. People can get out and have fun with their dogs," she said. Winterdance, a dogsled tour company that operates in winter, wanted to add a summer dog event to the Highlands' events calendar, as it already provides the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby in the winter.

"This was just a natural thing for us to do," McCready DeBruin said.

"We kind of consider our winter event the dog-sled derby so we've never really tried to do anything in the summer and of course that's when the majority of people are here so we thought it might be a fun thing. Of course dogs are what we are about it seemed like a natural fit," she said.

With his dog team, Hank has competed in races all over North America, including the epic Iditarod and the Yukon Quest.

Organized by Winterdance with the support and assistance of Dysart et al, this event will be showcasing the dynamic feats of the Ultimate Air Dogs (www.ultimateairdogscanada.ca) – a series of dock diving competitions for dogs that travels throughout the province.

The dogs compete using a large pool-like structure with a platform on the side. There are 25 dogs registered with the series and they will be competing in three events: splash, catch-it and fetch-it.

Each of the events includes some variation of the dogs leaping into the water, whether for distance or performing precision movements in the air.

The competition series includes nine stops with Haliburton being called Haliburton's Ultimate Cottage Dog. The air dogs will compete at 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Dysart sponsored the Air Dogs attendance, McCready DeBruin said.

The idea to invite the Air Dogs came from Paul Braunton, a Winterdance former employee who has two dogs that compete in the series. Braunton, who is a firefighter that now lives in Mississauga, believes it is a crowd pleaser and that aspect interested McCready DeBruin. Securing the Air Dogs was at the root of the festival since it is such a spectacle.

In the future she hopes to add more competitions that test agility or hunting and retrieving skills.

McCready DeBruin invites owners to not just bring their dogs (on leash, please), but also try competing in the Air Dog for a small registration fee ($5 or less).

Newbies will receive tips and coaching from the dog pros. "Even if they've never done it and they'd like to try and be part of the competition they're welcome to sign up that morning as well," she said.

She said organizing a summer festival came from Woofstock four years ago when a sponsor invited them.

It was an eye-opener for the couple, as the event included everything and anything related to dogs and their owners.

With only six vendors (dog treats/food and specialty products for dogs), she encourages more vendors to come, she said.

The event also includes demonstrations by a working dog from Hank, who will bring his lead dog, agility dogs and talks by representatives from Pretty Paws and a vet from Haliburton Veterinary, who will speak about how to keep your dog looking great, safe and well cared for.

Admission is a $2 donation that will contribute to the event for next year.

Volunteers are needed and anyone older than 16 is welcome to help. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. The event will run rain or shine.

For more information contact McCready DeBruin at info@winterdance.com or 705-457-5281.

The upcoming Cottage Country Dog Festival on Saturday, Aug. 16 in Head Lake Park in Haliburton will feature the amazing skills of the Ultimate Air Dog competitors. Organizers of the event are calling this event a "celebration" of dogs and are planning to hold annually.
Photo courtesy of Karen Laroque

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Haliburton resident starts virtual business

Haliburton resident, Caroline Collins, has taken her 18 years of experience working as a legal assistant in Toronto and started her own virtual business. A geographical move brought her family to Haliburton and she recently started her own small business to provide online legal assistant services from her home office.

"As more lawyers and paralegals are looking for cost-effective solutions to their administrative needs, I knew that I could capitalize on my years of experience to provide high quality work at an affordable rate," said Collins. "The best part about Virtual Ally is that my clients only pay for the work that needs to be done, when they want it done."

The niche area that Virtual Ally markets to includes lawyers, paralegals, and law clerks, who specialize in the area of civil litigation, in the province of Ontario. Collins has spent much time and energy ensuring that the business would meet the high standards set by the legal community, including those related to privacy and data security.

"It was critical that Virtual Ally be able to assure our clients that information transferred over the Internet to my location would be safe and secure," said Collins. "For that reason, all Virtual Ally documents are encrypted and we use a variety of backup and virus protection software."

Collins recently received the following testimonial from one of her regular clients: "Caroline was my legal assistant for approximately five years at the Toronto office of a large national law firm. She continues to provide me with invaluable assistance now that I run my own practice. She is professional, intelligent, courteous and hard working. A great team player! I trust her implicitly and cannot recommend her highly enough."

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Beach Reads

Bessie's Books
and other things

Bessie Sullivan
County Librarian

What is summer reading? Last month Erin talked about how reading outdoors was what makes summer reading for her, as opposed to the genre or subject matter she actually chooses.

But why do people always talk about summer reading or even "beach reads"? Is it because of holidays in the summer and that's when some people will up their reading consumption? Are we emotionally different in the summer? Or do our habits simply change because we can be outside and we have more daylight? I know I eat differently in the summer, so why wouldn't I read differently?

Many of the books coming out right now are geared towards women and often have beach scenes on the front. One definition I found for beach reads is a "book that has a straightforward plot and doesn't take huge concentration. Something you could read at the beach with the all distractions that locale would entail."

I took a look at our new incoming materials and sure enough there were three books with beaches on the cover. I'm wondering if the book publishing industry is not so subtly cashing in on our subconscious desire for the beach read by leading us right to it through their covers. The three books in question all have very mixed reviews and probably should be viewed as fun reads rather than life defining.

Popular writer Anne Rivers Siddons has written a book called *The Girls of August*. Every August, four women would gather together to spend a week at the beach. But when one of the women dies tragically, the group slowly drifts apart and their vacations together are brought to a halt. Years later, a new marriage reunites them and they decide to come together once again where the women make startling discoveries that will change them in ways they never expected.

Nantucket Sisters by Nancy Thayer features Maggie and Emily who meet as girls on the Nantucket beach. After many golden summers spent building sandcastles and sharing their dreams for the future, Emily and Maggie grow apart. It seems they have little in common until Cameron Chadwick appears on the island. A wealthy Wall Street broker, Cameron takes moonlit walks on the dunes with Maggie and romances Emily in Manhattan with lavish nights on the town. When both women discover they're pregnant, it looks like the end of their already distant friendship. But as Maggie and Emily struggle to decide what their lives will be, they realize more than ever before how very much they need a friend.

And the final beach read is *The Summer Without You* by Karen Swan. Main character, Rowena Tipton isn't looking for a new life, just a new adventure; something to while away the months as her boyfriend presses pause on their relationship before they become engaged. But when a chance encounter at a New York wedding leads to an audition for a coveted house share in the Hamptons, suddenly a new life is exactly what she's got.

If you aren't looking for a beach read, I stumbled by accident onto something that to me defines the summer read, *Bee Summers* by Melanie Dugan is a fantastic little gem published by a small press in Kingston, Ont. In the spring that she is 11, Melissa Singer's mother walks out of the house and never returns. That summer, her father, a migratory beekeeper, takes her along with him as he delivers his hives to pollinate orchards and berry farms. The trip and the people she meets change her life forever. Over the years that follow, Melissa tries to unlock the mystery of her mother's disappearance and struggles to come to terms with her loss.

I loved this book and although not light it is a quick read that left me satisfied. All the books mentioned and more summer and beach reads can be found at the Haliburton County Public Library.

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A tip before taking a dip

By Neha Gandhi, public health inspector - Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

Heading to the beach this summer? Towels, swimsuits and sunscreen are just some of the beach essentials. So is a bit of understanding about when it's safe to use the water. After all, beaches may pose a health risk to swimmers.

Beaches become contaminated when high amounts of E.coli and other bacteria enter the water from storm water runoff, faulty septic tanks, agricultural runoff and large populations of birds. If you swallow or come in contact with the contaminated water, you can get sick and suffer from ear infections, skin infections, vomiting and diarrhea.

Before going to the beach, check that it's safe. The health unit can help, as each week through the summer, public health inspectors test local beaches for bacteria such as E.coli. If E.coli levels in the water are above acceptable standards, the beach is 'posted.'

Bright yellow signs are put up along a 'posted' beach, indicating it is unsafe to use. If you see a 'posted' sign at the beach, do not enter the water. Once test results are within acceptable levels, the signs will be removed and the beach is safe to use again. If you see a 'posted' sign being improperly removed or torn down, contact the health unit or your local municipality.

Beach test results are updated every Friday through the summer months, and are available by calling the health unit at 1-866-888-4577, visiting www.hkpr.on.ca or following the health unit on Twitter (@HKPRDHU) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/HKPRDHU).

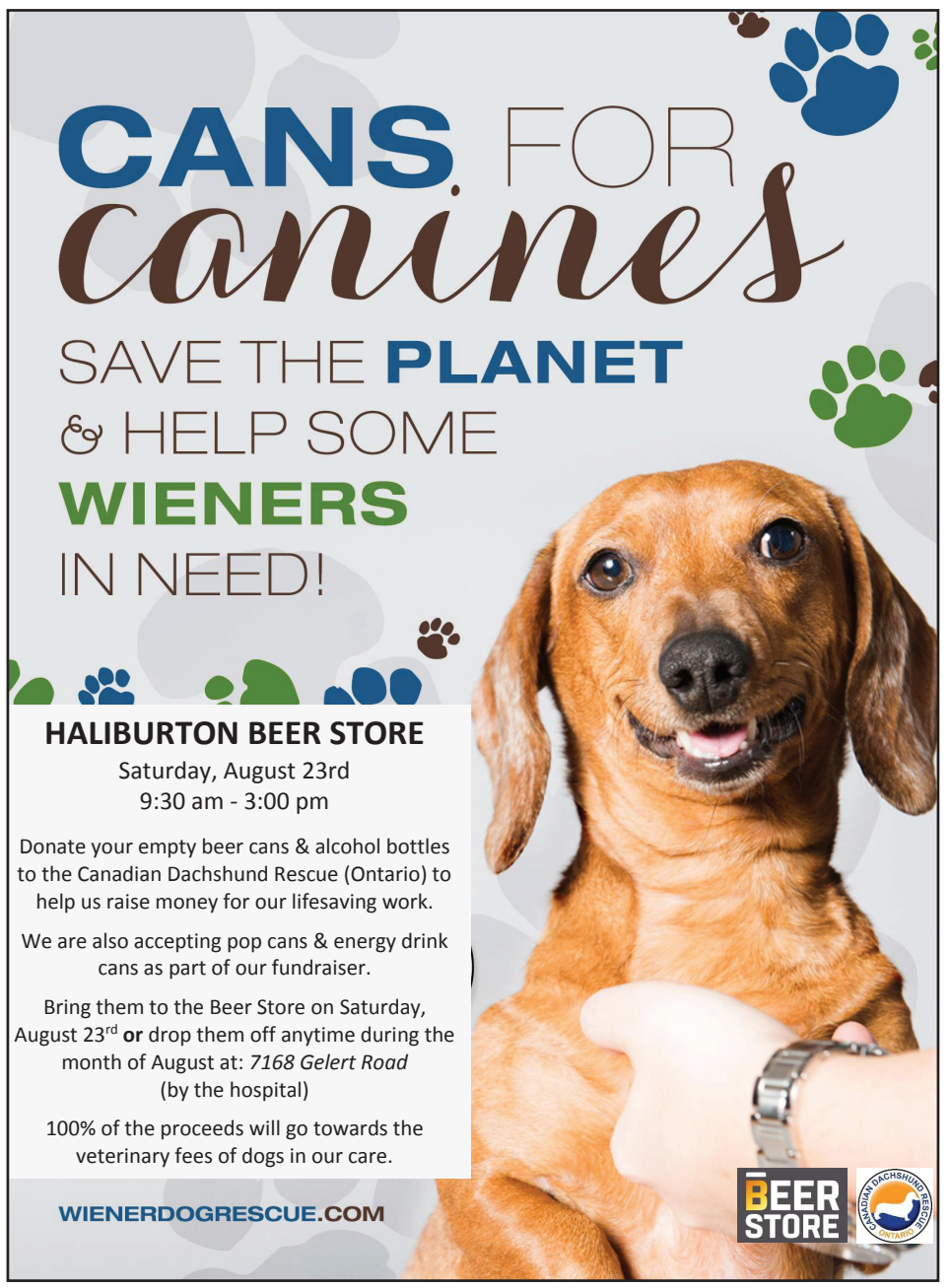
While the weekly beach testing program is valuable, it has limitations. It can take a day or two for beach water results to come back from the lab. This means a beach's water quality may change from the time it is first sampled. While it's good to get weekly beach test results, consider other factors too before going into the water.

One idea is to check weather conditions over the previous 24 hours and the forecast for the day you are going to the beach. Be aware that E.coli counts in the water can increase due to heavy rains, which wash fecal material from animals directly into the water, or via storm sewers that empty into nearby rivers and lakes. Strong winds, and resulting high waves, can blow debris into the beach area while also churning up sediment from the bottom of the river or lake. Prolonged hot weather can also promote E.coli growth.

Check beach conditions too. Shallow beaches tend to have warmer water, with a higher potential for bacterial growth. If there has just been a violent storm, or if numerous birds such as geese or seagulls are nesting on or near the beach, swimming may not be the best idea.

Other warning signs, such as floating debris, oil, discoloured water, bad odours and excessive weed growth, may also indicate the beach is unsafe.

By being informed and using good judgment, your trip to the beach will be safer for everyone!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Now in its 12th year and the largest hiking event in Canada, the Hike Haliburton Festival presents 60 guided and themed hikes throughout the Haliburton Highlands from Sept. 18 to 21. Each hike is led by dynamic hike leaders and volunteers who ensure the hikes are informative, enjoyable and safe. The Festival offers training opportunities to its leaders and volunteers including first aid, hike leader certification, natural and cultural interpretation and customer service.

In the interest of building the capacity of the local tourism industry to provide visitors with experiences that inspire, motivate, and create memories, the Hike Haliburton Festival is inviting interested individuals who are or would like to be experience/hike leaders to participate in this year's training.

Tourism is changing. No longer is it sufficient to offer things to do and see. Potential visitors now want to know what they are going to feel and remember about their visit. Engaging, passionate, knowledgeable experience leaders (guides, instructors, educators) are essential for interpreting the local natural and cultural heritage, animating tourism destinations and attractions, leading adventure activities and facilitating memorable experiences for visitors.

Many tourism operators hire or would like to hire staff/guides to lead various experiences. While we are blessed with some excellent leaders having more well trained, dynamic and available leaders who can lead experiences in adventure, arts, nature, history, recreational geology, and culinary tourism will greatly improve our tourism offerings and make the Haliburton Highlands more competitive.

The Hike Haliburton Festival with the support of the County of Haliburton, Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization, Haliburton County Development Corporation, Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport, Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, Arts Council~Haliburton Highlands, and Adventure Haliburton is coordinating a project to identify, develop, and promote experience leaders who would be available for hire.

Over the next few weeks the Hike Haliburton Festival is offering several free workshops including:

- Two-day wilderness first aid certification course – Aug. 22 and 23 (free for first 12 who register)
- Half day primer on first aid for hikers - Sept. 14
- Half day hike leader certification course (Hike Ontario) - Aug. 28
- Half day workshop in natural and cultural heritage interpretation – Sept. 14
- Half day Haliburton Highlands Tourism Ambassador workshop - Sept. 16

Individuals who are permanent or seasonal residents of Haliburton County and are interested in being a Hike Haliburton Festival volunteer or willing to register as a Haliburton Highlands Experience Leader are invited to sign-up for one or more of these workshops.

For more information about being Haliburton Highlands experience leaders or the training opportunities contact project manager, Barrie Martin, at 705-457-7557 or info@yoursoutdoors.ca, or training coordinator, Corina Mansfield, at deeprootsteambuilding@gmail.com or (705) 854-0628

Haliburton zone of broadband project complete

By Chad Ingram

On Wednesday Aug. 6, local politicians along with members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus celebrated a digital milestone.

The Haliburton, Dorset and Hastings zones of the caucus's Eastern Ontario Regional Network broadband Internet expansion are complete.

In 2009, EORN began a massive project to provide 85 per cent of the EOWC jurisdiction with connectivity of at least 10 megabits per second and at least 1.5 megabits per second to 95 per cent of homes and businesses in the region.

The estimated $170 million project used $55 million from the feds through the Building Canada Fund and $55 million from the provincial government's Broadband Infrastructure Fund.

The remaining funds came from the wardens' caucus and private partners, the main one being telecommunications company Bell Aliant. Hastings CAO and project lead Jim Pine told the gathering at county council chambers on Newcastle Street Wednesday that direct private sector investment had come in at $59 million, exceeding the $50 million he'd been hoping for.

Haliburton County contributed $420,000.

While the Haliburton zone was initially scheduled to be completed in late 2013, extreme winter weather coupled with difficult terrain pushed the completion date back.

Some 24,000 homes and business in the Haliburton zone – which encompasses northern portions of the City of Kawartha Lakes and Peterborough County – will have access to wired service of up to 15 megabits per second "at competitive pricing," where available.

The project laid 121 kilometres of new fibre optic cable with eight new Internet access points throughout the region.

In gap areas where cable could not be taken, residents are encouraged to access the Internet by satellite provided by Xplornet Communications Inc. at speeds of up to 10 megabits per second.

In the county, most of these areas exist in Algonquin Highlands.

"I think we need to get the word out to people that satellite is better than it used to be," said Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin. "It's not perfect, but I can't get a pizza delivered to my cottage either."

Devolin said high-speed Internet is a modern amenity that a tourist community like Haliburton County is expected to have.

He recalled that when he used to work at Wigamog Resort, "the brochure still said paved roads all the way and a telephone in every room. I don't want to say that [about high-speed Internet] because it's expected and it's there."

"The demand for data is going to grow and grow," Devolin said, adding he thought the project was an example of how well various levels of government can work together.

Highlands East Reeve and County Warden Dave Burton is also the chairman of the EORN board.

"What makes our county so beautiful makes it hard to serve," Burton said, referring to its rocky topography. "Improving Internet access in this area was a significant challenge, even more challenging, quite frankly, than other parts of the whole region. It speaks of the complexity of this ambitious project.

Burton thanked Bell Aliant and as an example of how the project has improved the quality of life of residents and businesses, called up to the podium Mike McKeon of Minden's Up River Trading Co., which opened last year.

"I think I'm at the end of the baby boomers and a lot of baby boomers are choosing a more balanced lifestyle," McKeon said, explaining he'd taken an early retirement from a career in finance four years ago.

He and his husband already had a cottage in Algonquin Highlands.

"We weren't ready to do nothing, so we invested up here."

Up River Trading Co. is more than just a coffee shop. It's also the headquarters for small advertising company with clients in New York, Los Angeles, Rome and Atlanta.

Reliable access to high-speed Internet is key to its success.

Northumberland-Quinte West MPP Lou Rinaldi spoke on behalf of Rural Affairs Minister Jeff Leal and Warden Rick Phillips of Hastings also took the mike, thanking the CAOs and staff members of the municipalities that compromise the EOWC for their work on the project.

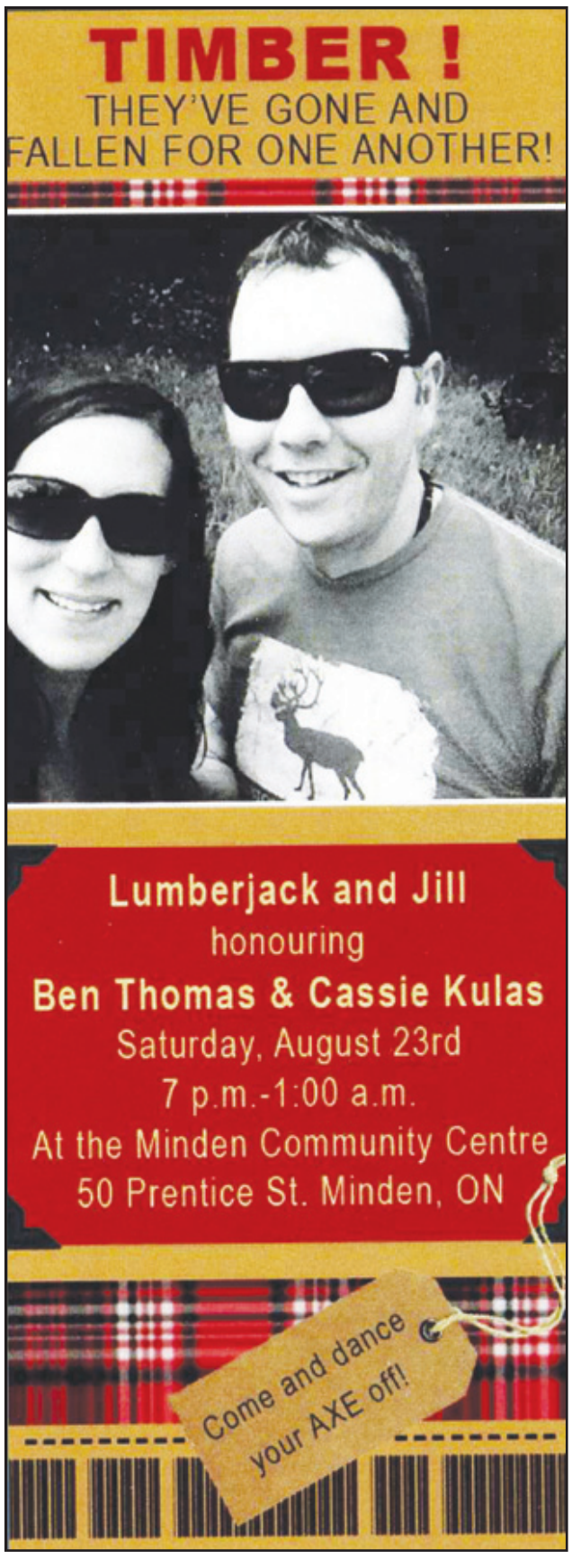
The EOWC encompassed 103 municipalities.

Phillips said that while the project was originally valued at $170 million, with in-kind contributions, it's really worth more like $260 million.

Peter Dilworth, vice president of finance and the chief procurement officer for Bell Aliant also spoke, thanking company staff for their contributions.

"But today belongs to the community," said Dilworth, who has a cottage in the area.

Some 1,800 households in the Dorset zone were connected through the project and 9,000 in Hastings.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Humour by Steve Galea

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There are fairs from Wilberforce to Kinmount to Haliburton and Minden and even in parts beyond. In fact, I believe the urge to hold a fair is so universal that somewhere on the dark side of Mars, little green men are now gathering at the Martian equivalent of a tractor pull and eating corn on the cob.

There's nothing wrong with a good old country fair in theory, but to do it right a person has to prepare, both mentally and physically.

I'm proud to say I've been to a few goat shows – in fact, I once won a ribbon at one – but that's only because the judges watched me eat a prize-winning cupcake along with the paper cup it came in. By the way, I still believe I should have won first. Even the goats were impressed.

In any case, here are a few pointers you'll need to survive a day at the fair.

1. Whatever you do, don't bend over to pick up horseshoes while the game is still in progress. Despite the phrase, there's nothing lucky about it.
2. If the weather is getting blustery, eat your cotton candy with your back to the wind.
3. Remember, the cake contest isn't a buffet – unless no one is looking.
4. Don't demand a recount when you see the winner of the cutest baby contest. This is a small community and word will get out.
5. It's not advisable to take a platter of hamburgers with you to the dog show – but if you do be prepared for mayhem.
6. I don't care if you just got off the trout stream; don't wear hip waders to the barn. People will talk.
7. Know that, if you are going to order two scoops on your ice cream cone, one of them is going to feed a goat and the other the toddler who picked it up.
8. Don't be fooled by untrustworthy people. Those things in the rabbit cage are not Glossettes. Or are they?
9. When a donkey wins a best in show ribbon, it's not OK to approach the woman who owns it to congratulate her on her fine ass. And whatever you do, don't ask her how it got to be so big.
10. The dunk tank should not double as a jacuzzi – no matter how many servings of beans you had.

Despite all this, a country fair is a wonderful place to spend a day. All you need to do is try to immerse yourself in the local culture – part of which means peeling the paper off of your cupcake.

Rotary carnival is a fun ride

Top, the Scrambler was one of the busiest rides at the Haliburton Rotary Carnival on Aug. 6.

Left, fireworks ended the evening.

Bottom, The Haliburton Scout Reserve brought their usual fun-loving humour to the Rotary Carnival Parade. The parade's theme was the village's 150th anniversary.

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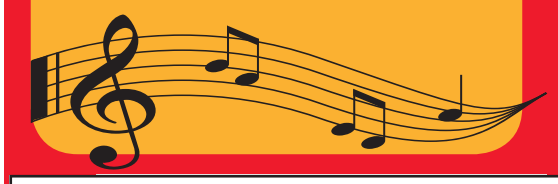

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Fair Opens Friday 4 pm

4 pm – 8 pm Exhibit Building Open (Minden Curling Rink)
5 pm Hospitality Tent Opens with Mitch Wallace at 8 pm
5 pm Truck and Tractor Pulls
6 pm -7:45 Grandstand Entertainment - Classic Country Drifters
6:30 pm Mutt Show
7:00 pm Pony Pull Begins

Fair Opens Saturday 9 am

9 am – 6 pm Exhibit Building Open (Minden Curling Rink)
9 am – 6 pm Vendor Booths Open
9 am – 6 pm Meet The Animals
9 am Miniature & Light Horse Shows Begin
9 am – Noon Remax Hot Air Balloon
9 am - 7 pm Laser Tag Games
9:30 am - 9 pm Zip Line
10 am Captain Corbin the Magical Pirate
10 am – 6pm 24' Climbing Wall
10 am – 6pm Circus Obstacle Course / Bounce Castle / 4N1 Bouncer
10 am – 5pm Classic Car Show Open
11 am Opening Ceremonies
11 am Grandstand Entertainment Begins
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11am – 5pm Minden Hills Fire Department Demonstrations
11:30 am Ruffsport Performance Dog Team
12 pm Lawnmower Pull
12 pm Hospitality Tent Opens
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12:30 am Captain Corbin the Magical Pirate
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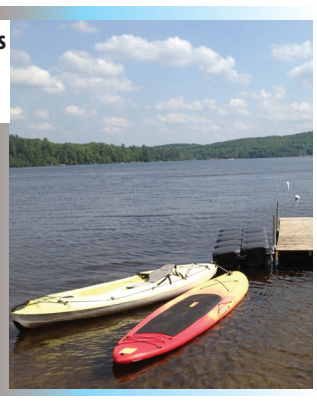

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JoAnne Sharpley says it was the perfect fit. She and ex-husband Glen were cottaging in Haliburton in the early 1990s, but also looking for a business that could use her flair for retail and Glen's (who was fresh out of the NHL) sports expertise.
So when the opportunity to buy the Sport's Stop came along in 1991 they seized it. Soon it became a Source for Sports.
Now, 23 years later, JoAnne is the sole owner and the business has entered another exciting phase.
She now wants to tell the world that JOANNE SHARPLEY'S Source for Sports is about so much more than sports. It's about lifestyle too.
"This Source for Sports is very different," she says. "Most people don't realize the incredible selection of quality clothing we carry for men and women."
One reason why the store stands out is because JoAnne and Assistant Manager Courtney Cook have a knack for stocking shelves with gorgeous clothing, from sportswear to dress casual.
"We've got men's button-down shirts, shorts and pants you could wear anywhere. There really is stylish clothing for everyone here."
That's not to say the store is neglecting its sporting roots – on the contrary.
"We've still got the best skate sharpening service in the area," JoAnne says. "Manager Kevin Sicard is a longtime employee, a hockey player and someone who takes sharpening and hockey seriously. People come from as far as Bancroft for skate sharpening and to draw on his hockey expertise."
The store also stocks an incredible selection of shoes and gear for athletes, no matter the sport or season. Whether you play hockey, baseball or soccer, ski, snowshoe or are into stand up paddle boarding and kayaking JOANNE SHARPLEY'S Source for Sports has what you need.
"When you shop here, you're not just getting products, you're getting our expertise and personal service," she says. "That's something big box stores can't offer. Our prices are competitive, especially when you consider the quality and support you get."
That's certainly evident in the store's bike shop.
"We've got local cycling celebrity Nick Emsley, who services and sells bikes on hand to give expert advice," she says.
She'd also like customers to know she offers off-site custom embroidery and tackle twill services for sport s jerseys, jackets and other clothing.
"I took over the business in July and I'm excited to do this. I have such a strong team working alongside me," says JoAnne.
To contact JoAnne and her team call 705-457-3933 or email joanne.sharpley@hotmail.com. JOANNE SHARPLEY'S Source for Sports is located at 206 Highland Street in the Village of Haliburton.

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Contact: Pat - 705-286 6042

Mixed Adult Golf Clinics

When: Every Monday at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. starting June 2, throughout July, Aug. and Sept.
Where: Carnarvon Family Golf
One-hour golf clinics in a group of four to six people. All abilities welcome.
Contact: 705-489-3473. Please call ahead to hold your spot.

Rails End Art Attacks Just for Kids

When: Tuesday morning, July and Aug. 11 a.m. to noon
Where: Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, 23 York St., Haliburton Village
Make fun with art outside at Rails End! Ages 6-12. $5 drop-in or pre-register at www.railsendgallery.com.
Contact: 705-457-2330

Dorset Family Movie Nights

When: Wednesdays in July and Aug. 6:30 p.m.
Where: Dorset Recreation Centre
Contact: 705-766-9968, drc@algonquinhighlands.ca, www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Childrens Programming

When: Every Thursday morning (July and Aug.)
Where: Agnes Jamieson Gallery
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Sunday Fundays

When: Every Sunday in July and Aug.
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Contact: 705-457-2350, Bonnieview.inn@sympatico.ca

Event Series

Dorset Day Camp

When: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. from June 30 to Aug. 22, 2014
(no camp July 1 or Aug. 4)
Where: Dorset Recreation Centre
Camp for kids ages 5 to 13. Half Days, Daily and Weekly rates are available. Drop in – first come first serve. Please call to reserve. Contact information: drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or 705-766-9968

Haliburton Highlands Time Travellers Car Club Summer Cruise Nights

When: Aug. 21, special night at Haliburton NAPA Auto Parts store, 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Aug. 14, Aug. 28, at Kawartha Dairy Minden 6:30 p.m. to dusk. Gathering of antique and classic cars and trucks.
Contact: Karl 754-3403.

Highland Storm Hockey Try-outs

When: Monday, Aug. 18 to Friday, Sept. 5
Where: S.G. Nesbitt Arena and A.J. LaRue Arena

Dated Events

Dorset Lions Spaghetti Dinner

When: Thursday, August 14, 6 p.m.
Where: Dorset Rec. Centre, Main Street, Dorset
Adults $12, Children (6-12) $8, Children under 6 free, Family rate (2 adults, 2 children) $25. For reservations contact Esther at 705-766-2830

150th Haliburton County Fair

When: Friday, Aug. 15 and Saturday, Aug. 16
Where: Minden Fairgrounds
4 p.m. Friday until close and 9 a.m. Saturday until close. Join us for lots of family fun and kids activities. Some of the adventures awaiting you: Free children events and entertainers, rock climbing wall, rope ladder challenge, mutt show, demolition derby, horse pulls, miniature horse show, lawnmower pull, arts and crafts exhibit building, antique car show, auction, music and entertainment from the stage all day, camping available, and much more. Check out our website haliburtoncountyfair.ca for more information.

Fort Irwin Residents Association Pancake Breakfast

When: Saturday, Aug. 16, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Where: 5821 Haliburton Lake Road
Adults $6: (3 pancakes, 3 sausages, juice, coffee, tea)
Children under 10: $4 (2 pancakes, 2 sausages, juice)

Stanhope Firefighters' Triathalon

When: Saturday, Aug. 16
Where: Stanhope Firefighters' Community Hall
Events for all ages and abilities, visit stanhopefire.org.

Glitter Globe Workshop with artist Erin Lynch

When: Aug. 20, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Where: The Art Hive, 10239 Hwy. 118, Algonquin Highlands
Ages: seven years and up. Create a miniature scene enclosed in a glass jar. Filled with glitter, shake your jar and watch your magical landscape. Max: 10 participants. Cost: $25 includes all materials.
Contact: The Art Hive at 705-754-0021, thearthive@live.ca

Storytelling and Crafts with Little Gray and Aimee Reid

When: Wednesday, Aug. 20, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Where: Minden Hills Branch Library
Presented by the Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Author-signed books will be available for purchase. Light snack provided. folhaliburtoncounty@gmail.com

Saving Tomato Seeds

When: Thursday, Aug. 28 6 to 8 p.m.
Where: Dysart Branch Haliburton Public Library
Contact: 705-457-2241, srobinson@haliburtonlibrary.ca.

Dorset Garage Sale

When: Saturday, Aug. 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Dorset Rec. Centre
Take advantage of the Recreation Centre's great location and rent a table to sell your good used stuff. Tables are available to rent at $5 each. Open to all (used stuff only please), first come first serve, space is limited.

Gooderham United Church Yard Sale

When: Saturday, Aug. 30, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dorset Lions 41st Family Fishing Derby and Dinner

When: Sunday, Aug. 31
Where: Lions Camp Dorset, Kawagama Lake Road
Weigh-in from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Dinner at 5:30 p.m.
Adults $15, Children seven to 12 $8
Contact: 705-766-2292 or 705-766-9322

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Weekly Activities

Wednesdays:
Bid Euchre: 1 p.m. start
Bingo: Doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. $1000 Jackpot every Wednesday until Aug. 27
Thursdays:
Gen. Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members urged to attend
Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at 1 pm
Fridays:
Meat Draw Five Draws, Five Prizes each draw, First draw at 4:30 p.m., Last draw at 6:30 p.m., Tickets are $2 per draw… Chester Howse, MC
Saturdays:
50/50 Draw 4 p.m. draw, Tickets are $1 each from noon onwards
Sundays:
Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month – 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.
Upcoming Events:
'An Evening of Bluegrass' featuring Hard Ryde
Saturday Sept. 20 starting at 6:30 p.m.
Includes buffet, raffle and 50/50 draw all for just $25 per person or $30 at the door. Tickets available at the Legion or call Linda at 705-447-2348.

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Weekly Activities

Monday	Bid Euchre	7:00PM
Tuesday	General Meeting	7:00pm
Wednesday	Fun Darts	7:30pm
Friday	Community Care 55+ Lunch 12:00pm Please call Gwen Otto to reserve your place 705-448-2106 Everyone 55+ welcome!! Pool 1:30pm Jam Session 7:00pm Come to play or listen to great music	
Saturday	Meat Draw	2:00pm -5:00pm
Sunday	Pancake & Sausage Breakfast – 8:30-11:30 New menu adds choices of waffles & bacon	

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Bid Euchre: First Sunday of every month
Full Menu Lunches: Noon to 2 p.m. Monday to Thursday, beer-bettered fish with fries and onion rings on Fridays.
Supper: 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Upcoming Events:
Junk in Trunk - Aug. 23, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Minden Legion parking lot. $10 per spot, to reserve a place call 705-286-4541.
General Membership Meeting - Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.
Golf Tournament at Beaverbrook Golf Course - Sept. 16, 11 a.m. shotgun start. $50 per person, includes cart, lunch and prizes afterwards. Register by Sept. 9.

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HOME INSPECTIONS

Moffatt seeks re-election as AH reeve

Story by Chad Ingram

Carol Moffatt is officially re-seeking her seat as reeve of Algonquin Highlands in the Oct. 27 election.

Moffatt filed her nomination papers July 29 and is so far the sole candidate for the reeve's position.

"This council and staff work well together and we have good momentum on a number on a number of initiatives," Moffatt wrote in an email explaining her decision to run for another term. "Continuity is important. There's opportunity around and I'd like to continue to lead us toward it."

Moffatt, who was first elected in 2006 and served as a Ward 2 councillor on the previous council, said she's learned much during the term and feels she's grown into the reeve's position well.

"The reeve's role involves much more responsibility than a councillor," she wrote, noting this includes acting as the CEO of the township and becoming its public face. "We're responsible for setting the tone of business, balancing varied and often contradictory positions on issues, being extremely well informed, keeping other folks informed, working with the CAO toward good governance and guiding useful discussion that keeps the best interests of the entire community in mind."

One of the central issues of the 2010 Algonquin Highlands election was the future of the crosswind runway project the previous council had been working on and nearly gotten clearance for at the Stanhope Airport.

The controversial project was decried by many members of the community as a waste of money and was lobbied against hard by the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners' Association.

Moffatt, who'd been a lonely voice of opposition to the project on the previous council, worked during this term to have monies from the Building Canada Fund that had been approved for the runway redirected into a project bringing the local MNR fire response base to the airport.

That project, currently underway, is scheduled to be completed next year.

This change of direction was welcomed by many, but opposed by some.

"The MNR headquarters is better for the township because it provides a solid framework for future development and steady, predictable income over the long term," wrote Moffatt, who took the reeve's position by acclamation in 2010.

The ministry will lease space from the township.

"We can use that income to improve the airport, leverage it to develop a business park and work towards the promise of trying to reduce the burden of the airport on the taxpayer. The big runway, without a realistic business plan, a marketing plan, or any plan or commitment toward long-term funds made no sense to me and I saw it as a gamble based on too many hopes and what-ifs rather than viable and tangible growth."

Algonquin Highlands, along with the rest of Haliburton County's townships, will face a challenge in 2015 when a new OPP billing formula is implemented by the province.

It is unclear exactly what that billing model will look like, but municipal policing bills in the county are going to increase.

The proposed formula county council has been lobbying against throughout the year set the average annual per household cost at $369.

Algonquin Highlands residents currently pay $76 per household, one of the lowest rates in the province.

"The OPP billing formula will have staff and council very closely examining their respective priorities," Moffatt wrote. "I don't doubt that capital works and even some maintenance will be deferred, let alone any new or non-essential ideas. Applications for funding will become more important than they are now. I'd hate to see programming cut but that could happen if the increase is high enough. Depending on the outcome, the next few years could be very slim right across Haliburton County."

For more about Moffatt, visit www.carolmoffatt.ca.

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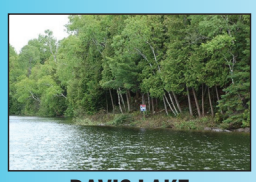
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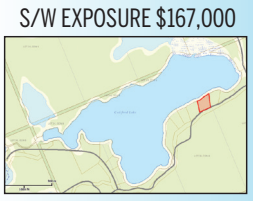
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DEVELOPMENT SITE $1,999,000

SAM'S LAKE
5 ACRES/1000' FRTG $225,000.

NEW PRICE
PERCY LAKE
CABIN. 100' FRTG $199,000.

IRONDALE RIVER LOT
6.5 AC $39,900.

DRAG RIVER
420 FT/4 ACRES $86,000

BUILDING LOTS

GLEBE ROAD
PRESTIGIOUS AREA $79,800

SALERNO LK RD
2.4 ACRES $25,500

ANGEL ROAD
1.76 AC SKI AREA $32,500

TRAPPERS TRAIL
BUILDING LOT $8.750

GOODERHAM AREA
135 AC $109,000

TWIST LANE
SALERNO LAKE BACKLOT $9,800.

MINDEN
1+ AC BUILDING LOT $25,000.

FRED JONES DRIVE
CLOSE TO VILLAGE $14,500.

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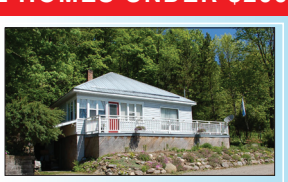
CHECK OUT THESE HOMES UNDER $200,000

NEW LISTING
HWY 35-CARNARVON AREA
3BR bungalow on 2+ ac lot. Treed privacy. Upgrades. Well insulated & efficient FAP heating. Shows pride of ownership great house!
$198,800

NEW PRICE
RURAL HOME
Start or retire with 2up/2down BR's, carport, workshop. Recent upgrades, sunny level lot.
$188,900

COUNTY ROAD 21 HOME
Great location, close to Haliburton. Backsplit with brick fp & cathedral ceilings. Att dbl carport, sunny level lot.
$194,500


EAGLE LAKE VILLAGE
Neat as a pin! Perfect for young family or re-tirement. Separate dining, hardwood flrs, 3BR, main flr laundry. Sunroom. Full basement. Walk to public beach.
$168,000

NEW LISTING
WILBERFORCE HOME
3.8 Ac. Well maintained, near Clement Lake, 3BR home w/full unfinished basement. Most furnishings included for a great starter home!
$155,000

NEW LISTING
PAYNES ROAD
15 minutes east of Haliburton, 3BR home on sunny level 1.3 ac lot. Many upgrades done in the past 2 years.
$145,000